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**San Francisco
California**

Connecting America



Welcome to San Francisco!

The California Legislature is proud to host NCSL's 2003 Annual Meeting, "Connecting America," July 21-25, 2003. California is home to some of the most diverse environments in the nation, and we have prepared an incredible itinerary for your meeting and vacationing enjoyment.

For more information on the California NCSL Host Committee activities, visit us at: <http://www.legis.ca.gov>

Questions regarding California NCSL Host Committee activities and events should be directed to the NCSL Hotline (916) 323-9525.

Questions regarding meeting information should be directed to NCSL by email: meeting@ncsl.org or call the Annual Meeting Hotline @ (303) 837-8225.

The San Francisco Convention & Visitors Bureau would like to welcome all the NCSL delegates and their families to the City by the Bay. Please stop by the Activity Desk to pick up The San Francisco Book Summer/

Fall 2003. This book is loaded with helpful information to what is currently happening in the city, maps, sightseeing, restaurants, attractions and much more!



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Welcome to the City by the Bay

National Conference of State Legislatures

July 21-25, 2003

Connecting America

We are delighted to welcome all of the delegates and guests of the National Conference of State Legislatures to the Golden State.

California encompasses a wide variety of cultures and terrains, which have attracted people from across the country and around the world to California. The promise of adventure continues to bring people today. The drastically different terrains also attract a diversity of people. The Sierra Nevada and Coastal Mountains in the Northern part of the state are a sharp contrast to Death Valley and the Southern California beaches. And while California is known for its agriculture — the Central Valley provides one third of the country's agricultural products — it is also home to two of the country's favorite cities — Los Angeles and San Francisco.

California's diversity is nowhere more apparent than in San Francisco. A city of more than 750,000 people, it nonetheless tightly packs a diverse population across steep hills with breathtaking views of the seascapes. We invite you to visit the fish market at Fisherman's Wharf, the elaborate gardens at Golden Gate Park, the shopping in Union Square, and the dim sum in Chinatown. Every hill and every district reveals a different part of the city's history and culture. Enjoy!



Welcome to California! We look forward to an educational and entertaining Conference!

Yours truly,

JOHN L. BURTON

President Pro Tem, California State Senate

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Speaker, California State Assembly

JAMES L. BRULTE

Republican Leader, California State Senate

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Republican Leader, California State Assembly

Fast Facts About San Francisco

San Francisco, named after the Spanish Saint Francis, was founded in 1769 as a missionary settlement. It has grown into the fifth largest metropolitan region in the United States and the largest multicultural city. San Francisco is a mecca of diversity.

You can take a tour through the steep rolling hills and Italian flavors of North Beach to the exotic sights and sounds of Chinatown. You can eat your way through the sunny Mission District and then head to the beach for a moonlit stroll. San Francisco has a sight for every fancy: the Golden Gate and Bay Bridges, Fisherman's Wharf, Golden Gate Park, Victorian row, and Alcatraz. Our famous cable cars are the best way to see it all.



San Francisco is surrounded on three sides by the Pacific Ocean and San Francisco Bay, making it the largest harbor in Northern California. San Francisco's compact 49 square miles crowd the tip of the San Francisco Peninsula.

San Francisco is connected to the mainland to the North by the Golden Gate Bridge and to the East Bay

by the Bay Bridge. San Francisco Bay, a 500-square-mile cleft in the California coastline, is both a major center for water-borne commerce and a delightful excuse to just go play.

Climate

San Francisco enjoys a pleasant climate all year round. Moderate and cool, its proximity to the Pacific Ocean provides San Francisco with a constant sea breeze. Summers in San Francisco are generally sunny, windy, and cool with temperatures seldom reaching above 70 degrees during the day and dropping to 55 degrees in the evening. Fog is at its worst during summer.

Information & Assistance

Convention Center

The 2003 NCSL Annual Meeting and Exhibition will be held at the Moscone Center, 747 Howard Street in San Francisco. The main entrance for the meeting at the Moscone Center will be the North Lobby located on Howard Street.

Exhibition

Be sure to stop by the California Host Committee Booth & the NCSL Booth in the Exhibit Hall of the Moscone Center, located a level below the North Lobby and main entrance.

Exhibit Hall D #122

Exhibit Hall D #1001

Information Center/Registration

For all NCSL attendees, an information desk will be positioned in the registration area, located in the North Lobby of the Moscone Center. Registration starts at 12:00pm on Monday, July 21.

Legislature and Guest Lounge

Legislators, legislative staff and guests are encouraged to stop by the Legislature & Guest Lounge located in the Moscone Center, Room 102.

The lounge is sponsored by MCI and the California NCSL Host Committee

Activity Desk

Located in the North Lobby of the Moscone Center, the Activity Desk will provide one-stop shopping for information on tours, discounted activities, places to visit, travel, and transportation.

Week-at-a-Glance

2003 Annual Meeting Schedule

**Held at the San Francisco Marriott Hotel*

Monday, July 21

- 8:00am - 5:00pm Exhibitor Registration
- 8:00am - 5:00pm Bookstore
- 8:00am - 3:00pm Legislative Staff Coordinating Committee*
- 8:00am - 3:00pm Executive Committee*
- 8:00am - 3:00pm International Program*
- 12:00pm - 5:00pm Registration
- 1:00pm - 5:00pm Staff Sections / Taskforces

Tuesday, July 22

- 8:00am - 5:00pm Registration
- 8:00am - 5:00pm Bookstore
- 8:00am - 10:00am Full Executive Committee*
- 9:00am - 12:00pm Standing Committees
- 11:00am - 1:00pm Leader's Brunch (Invite only)
- 12:15pm - 1:15pm Lunch Break (on own)
- 1:30pm - 3:00pm Opening Plenary
- 3:15pm - 5:00pm Concurrent Sessions
- 5:30pm - 7:00pm Welcome Reception

Wednesday, July 23

- 7:30am - 9:00am Continental Breakfast
- 8:00am - 5:00pm Registration
- 8:00am - 5:00pm Bookstore
- 8:00am - 11:45am Standing Committees
- 9:00am - 4:00pm Exhibit Hall
- 12:00pm - 2:00pm Legislative Staff Luncheon

- 12:00pm - 2:00pm Legislator Luncheon
- 2:15pm - 4:15pm Concurrent Sessions
- 6:00pm State Night

Thursday, July 24

- 7:30am - 9:00am Continental Breakfast
- 8:00am - 5:00pm Registration
- 8:00am - 5:00pm Bookstore
- 8:00am - 3:00pm Exhibit Hall
- 9:15am - 10:30am Plenary
- 10:45am - 12:15pm Concurrent Sessions
- 12:30pm - 2:00pm Republican/Democratic Luncheons
- 12:30pm - 5:00pm Staff Section*
- 2:15pm - 4:00pm Special Briefings
- 4:00pm - 5:00pm Ancillary Groups
- 6:30pm - 9:30pm California Social Event

Friday, July 25

- 8:00am - 12:00pm Registration
- 8:00am - 12:00pm Bookstore
- 8:00am - 12:00pm Exhibit Hall
- 8:00am - 9:30am Utah Promotional Event
- 8:00am - 9:00am Ancillary Groups
- 9:15am - 10:45am Plenary
- 11:00am - 12:30pm NCSL Policy/Business Meeting
- 12:30pm - 2:00pm Closing



Transportation

Arrival & Departure

NO complimentary airport shuttle service will be provided this year.

Your transportation choices from San Francisco & Oakland International Airports include the following:

Airport Transportation

NCSL is offering participants a \$1.00 off coupon for transportation to and from the San Francisco and Oakland International Airports. The coupon is available on the bottom of the next page of this Activity Guide or online at www.legis.ca.gov. The coupon can be used for either the **SuperShuttle®** or the **SFO Airporter**. A one-way ticket is approximately \$12.50.

- The **SFO Airporter** follows a set schedule and routing from the airport. The first hotel in the route will be reached 20 minutes after leaving the airport.
- **SuperShuttle®** is also available, but requires a reservation in advance.
- The Activity Desk in the Moscone Center will provide additional coupons for your return.

NOTE: If you are flying into the Oakland International Airport, please contact AC Transit for personalized trip-planning assistance at (510) 817-1717 or **SuperShuttle®** at 1-800-BLUE VAN (258-3826). Reservations must be pre-arranged and you must call for pick-up upon your arrival. The approximate cost for a one-way ticket is \$25.

Car Rental

NCSL has arranged with Enterprise Rent-A-Car a 10% discount on rates for those who wish to have a car during your stay. The special discount is available for two weeks prior and two weeks after the meeting.

To make a reservation, simply call 1-800-593-0505 and ask for a branch location in downtown San Francisco or book online at www.enterprise.com. Use the special account number: **23A3061**, and organization code, “NCS,” to make your reservations and receive the 10% discount.

Convention Center Shuttles

The California Host Committee will provide shuttle service for the NCSL delegates and their guests during the Annual Meeting & Exhibition. Please notice the designated hotels/times listed below.

Hotel	Boarding Location
Renaissance Parc 55	Cyril Magnin Street - White Zone
Powell Hotel	Cyril Magnin Street - White Zone
Westin St. Francis	Post Street - White Zone
Grand Hyatt San Francisco	Stockton Street - White Zone
Palace Hotel	New Montgomery Street - White Zone

Walking Distance — (Shuttles will not be provided)

Argent Hotel • San Francisco Marriott

Motorcoach Shuttle Hours (Every 15 minutes)

Tuesday, July 22 – Thursday, July 24

7:00am - 10:00am • 3:30pm - 5:30pm

Friday, July 25

7:00am - 2:00pm

Departures: Shuttles will depart Moscone Center – North.

Important Information

Transportation for the California Social Event on Thursday, July 24 will be San Francisco Cable Cars. The cable cars will shuttle you from your hotels, to and from Moscone West, starting at 6:15pm and ending at 9:45pm.

Special Needs

For Para Transit Requirements ONLY. Please call the Shuttle Transportation Hotline at (415) 760-2796 during the Motorcoach Shuttle hours of operation and allow one hour for this service.



Host Committee Social Events

Welcome Reception

Moscone North

Tuesday, July 22, 2003

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sponsored by Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers

Come join the National Conference of State Legislatures and the California Host Committee for the kick-off celebration of the 29th Annual Meeting and Exhibition for NCSL. The celebration will take place in Moscone North, San Francisco's premier meeting facility. As you browse through the facility sampling the delicacies of San Francisco, view the cars of the future presented by the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers. Sit down, relax and enjoy the view of the future. We welcome you to California and hope you enjoy your first introduction to the legendary sights and sounds of San Francisco.



California Social Event

Moscone West

Thursday, July 24, 2003

6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Join the California Host Committee for a fun and memorable experience at the new Moscone West facility with its luminescent glass facade and breathtaking views of the city.

Cable Car transportation will begin shuttling attendees at 6:15 pm from the designated NCSL Hotels to Moscone West. From the moment you arrive, you will experience a fabulous voyage through California — famous sights, sounds, characters and delicious delicacies that California is known for. An exhibition of California's diverse cultures and destinations will entertain and captivate attendees of all ages!

Event Timeline (tentative)

6:30pm - 9:30pm	Strolling Reception (cocktails, food, dessert & dancing)
7:00pm & 8:30pm	Earth Circus Entertainment
7:15pm - 9:30pm	Live Band Performance Dick Bright's SRO

Earth Circus Entertainment

Earth Circus Productions, Inc. specializes in high-tech innovative entertainment. Earth Circus is all about breaking down the traditional hallmarks of circus performance — and replacing them with the untried, the untrue and the undreamed-of. Expect the unusual, daring, high fashion, drama, spectacles, interactive eclectic characters, electricity and light innovations, moving objects, flying aerialists and dazzling costumes.

Dick Bright's SRO

Considered one of the top party bands in San Francisco and the country, Dick Bright's SRO puts on a show like no other band you've ever experienced. Clever costumes and props, zany skits, hip-hop choreography and soul-stirring vocals are all set to a pulsating beat. This will definitely be a "dance 'til you drop" party.

Guest Registration & Activities

The California Host Committee has an exciting program planned for all NCSL registered guests (spouse/family members, ages 18 and older).

The \$125 registration fee will include admission to:

- Welcome Reception, Moscone North, Tuesday, July 22
- California Social Event, Moscone West, Thursday, July 24
- Utah Promotional, Moscone Exhibit Hall D, Friday, July 25
- Legislature & Guest Lounge, Moscone Center
- Exhibit Hall, Moscone Center
- FREE San Francisco CityPass (a \$73.50 value)

Activity Desk

Because of the overwhelming number of activities that San Francisco has to offer, the California Host Committee is providing an Activity Desk to help personalize and arrange your San Francisco and California tours and activities. The Activity Desk will also supply you with discount coupons and provide references for walking tours, free attractions, dining and entertainment. For more information, please visit the Activity Desk located in the North Lobby of the Moscone Center.

Note: Any delegate who would like to purchase the San Francisco CityPass may do so by checking at the Activity Desk. A limited number of passes are available.

College Admissions, Financial Aid and Scholarships:

A special workshop for parents and students

Hosted by the College Board

This workshop will help students and parents learn about all aspects of the college preparation and admissions process. A panel of counselors, financial aid directors and admissions experts will provide valuable insights and answer all your questions about academic planning, counseling, testing, financial aid, scholarships, and admissions procedures. Participants will leave this workshop acquainted with available resources and a new understanding of the college preparation process, which will provide them the information necessary to confidently pursue college admissions. Packets of materials and giveaways will be provided! A great opportunity for students aged 12 to 17 and their parents.

Wednesday, July 23

2:15pm – 4:15pm • Place: TBD

San Francisco CityPass



CityPass is designed for you to enjoy San Francisco independently at your own leisure. The ticket booklet is valid for nine days from the first day of use to the attractions mentioned below.

At each attraction, the agent will remove your ticket, and you will begin your adventure!

CityPass Includes:

Exploratorium

Museum of Science, Art and Human Perception featuring over 650 hands-on exhibits.

Blue & Gold Fleet Bay Cruise

A narrated one-hour tour sails under the Golden Gate Bridge and offers views of the city skyline, Coit Tower and Alcatraz. Departs daily from Pier 39.

Steinhart Aquarium & California Academy of Sciences

Earth, ocean and space all in one place. Includes the Steinhart Aquarium & California Academy of Sciences and the Natural History Museum.

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art

The West Coast's most comprehensive collection of 20th-century art.

California Palace of the Legion of Honor

The Legion of Honor's European art collection includes favorites such as sculptures by Rodin and a masterpiece selection of French impressionist painting.

Seven consecutive day use of Cable Car and MUNI public transportation

The San Francisco Municipal Railway (Muni) provides transportation to all CityPass attractions as well as the Golden Gate Bridge, Fisherman's Wharf and Chinatown. The 7-day passport entitles you to ride any Municipal Railway passenger vehicle including cable cars, streetcars and buses. Ride as many times a day as you wish.

Child Care

The California Host Committee, along with KiddieCorp Inc, has planned a California Adventure during the conference!

KiddieCorp, Inc. is administering a Child Care Program and will be located in the San Francisco Marriott Hotel. Fees for child care will be divided into morning and afternoon sessions. *Children ages 3 to 12 years of age* will enjoy games, story time, arts and crafts, and other fun-filled activities.

Children who participate in three (3) sessions with KiddieCorp will automatically be registered for the conference. They will receive a badge to attend:

- Welcome Reception (Tuesday night)
- Youth Party (Wednesday night)
- California Social Event (Thursday night)

To enroll in the KiddieCorp Child Care Program, parents are asked to sign up their child or children online: <https://www.kiddiecorp.com/ncslkids.htm> or call (858) 455-1718.

Note: *Child care services are a contractual agreement between each individual and KiddieCorp. NCSL and the California Host Committee assume no responsibility for the services rendered.*



Youth Registration & Activities

Youth registration (5 to 17 years of age) will require children to be registered with the delegate in advance on the NCSL website or by completing the registration form in the NCSL promotional brochure. The youth badge will be provided to children who do not require supervision and will be accompanied by their parents. A registered adult must accompany children under 13 years of age to the social events and exhibition hall during the meeting. *A registration fee is not required for children attending three or more child care sessions with KiddieCorp.* The registration fee of \$75 will include admission to the following activities:

- Welcome Reception, Moscone North - Tuesday, July 22
- Youth Party, Marriott Hotel - Wednesday, July 23
- California Social Event, Moscone West - Thursday, July 24
- Utah Promotional, Moscone Exhibit Hall D - Friday, July 25
- **Punch card to the Metreon** (\$50.00 value) or **San Francisco CityPass** (\$52 value)
(must choose one activity per registration)

Metreon is the place to be if you are looking for adventure. Voted "Best Arcade in San Francisco." Portal 1 is Metreon's adventure zone featuring all the latest games in a fun, futuristic setting. Metreon is located just a step away from the Moscone Center and the San Francisco Marriott. It features all the latest games in a fun, futuristic setting.

OR

San Francisco CityPass (*applies to ages 5 years and older*)
(For a detailed description, please refer to Guest Registration).

CityPass Includes:

- Exploratorium
- Blue & Gold Fleet Bay Cruise
- Steinhart Aquarium & California Academy of Sciences
- San Francisco Museum of Modern Art
- California Palace of the Legion of Honor
- Seven consecutive day use of Cable Car and MUNI public transportation

Optional Guided Tours

The California Host Committee, along with Cappa & Graham, Inc. has created the perfect custom tour program to ensure you enjoy every moment in the City by the Bay. Our tours include full-day and half-day programs throughout the Bay Area, Napa and Sonoma Valleys, and Marin. This specially designed tour program features San Francisco favorites and exclusive excursions for all NCSL participants and their families to enjoy.

San Francisco, one of the world's most beautiful and exciting destinations, offers 49 square miles of hills, Victorian homes, unique people, clanging cable cars, fishing boats, summer fog, Chinese pagodas and breathtaking views.

Whether you want to remain in San Francisco or explore the greater Bay Area, Cappa & Graham's professional staff is sure to make your visit an unforgettable adventure.

<http://www.cappa-graham.com/CorpReg.html>

Important Information

Pre-sold tickets will be held at the Cappa & Graham, Inc. tour desk located at the Moscone Center - North. Tour check-in is 15 minutes prior to the posted departure time. All tours depart from the Moscone Center - North.

Please have your reservations in by July 11, 2003. After this date, tour registrations will be taken on a space available basis only at the Moscone Convention Center Tour Desk.

Cancellations or exchanges must be received in writing by June 22, 2003. Individuals will be assessed a \$5.00 cancellation fee for each tour cancelled. Your cancelled check or credit card statement will serve as confirmation of your registration. A convenience fee of 3% will be added to all credit card charges.

ALL TOURS ARE KID FRIENDLY. A parent or adult guardian MUST accompany children under the age of 18.

Time	Tuesday, July 22	Wednesday, July 23	Thursday, July 24
8:30 am	Alcatraz: The Rock 8:30 am-12:30 pm \$46.00 High on San Francisco with camera 8:15 am-12:15 pm \$39.00	Muir Woods / Sausalito 8:30 am-12:30 pm \$46.00 California Wine Extravaganza 8:15 am-5:00 pm \$74.00	Randy Strong Glass Studio 8:30 am-12:30 pm \$50.00
9:00 am			Adventures in Chinatown <i>with Dim Sum Lunch</i> 9:00 am-2:30 pm \$50.00
12:45 pm	Guide Dogs for the Blind 12:45 pm-5:45 pm \$44.00		
1:00 pm	Muir Woods / Sausalito 1:00 pm-5:00 pm \$46.00	Alcatraz: The Rock 1:00 pm-5:00 pm \$46.00 High on San Francisco with camera 1:00 pm-5:30 pm \$39.00 Victorian Homes 1:15 pm-5:15 pm \$64.00	Grapes & Bubbles 12:15 pm-5:15 pm \$60.00

Tour Descriptions



Adventures in Chinatown with Dim Sum Lunch

Experienced guides lead you through this exciting neighborhood while discussing its history and points of interest. After tea, enjoy a special Dim Sum lunch. Dim Sum are small, delicious, steamed or fried tidbits filled with barbecued pork, shrimp, taro root and other Cantonese favorites.

Note: This is a walking tour—dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes.

Alcatraz: The Rock!

A brief ferryboat ride delivers you to San Francisco's most popular tourist attraction—Alcatraz. An award-winning audio tour with actual interviews of former guards and inmates leads you through the prison Cell House.

Note: This is a walking tour—dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes.



California Wine Extravaganza

Deeply rooted throughout California's expansive valleys of rolling hills are rows of vines producing some of the world's finest grapes, and, in turn, some of the world's finest wines. Experienced tour guides accompany you through the picturesque valley of grapes to selected wineries where you can tour the beautiful grounds and taste the exceptional wines. Enjoy lunch on your own in historic Sonoma Square.

Grapes and Bubbles-Sonoma Wine Tour

Gloria Ferrer Champagne is the American arm of the prestigious Freixenet of Spain. Their Sonoma facility brings the unmistakable flavor of old Spain to California with its arched windows and doorways, expansive veranda and traditional red-barrel-tiled Spanish rooftop. Our Sonoma wine experience continues at neighboring Viansa Winery and Italian Marketplace.

Guide Dogs for the Blind

Early in 1941, Don and Doris Donaldson, a dog named "Blondie" and Lois Merrihew founded the Guide Dogs for the Blind training

school. Our visit to Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc., permits you to see where and how these adorable puppies are trained to become socialized working dogs.

High on San Francisco with camera

This motor coach tour offers an excellent introduction to San Francisco and its many diverse neighborhoods. Tour fascinating districts and scenic locations including Twin Peaks, Golden Gate Park, Haight-Ashbury, bustling Fisherman's Wharf, exotic Chinatown, trendy North Beach and elegant Nob Hill.



Majestic Muir Woods and Sausalito

Muir Woods boasts 550 acres of Redwood trees hundreds of years old and hundreds of feet high. Sausalito, a former fishing town and quaint artists' colony, is perched on the edge of the San Francisco Bay. Its winding streets are lined with fine restaurants, elegant shops, and wonderful art galleries.

Note: This is a walking tour—dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes.

Randy Strong Glass Studio & Gallery with Shopping in Berkeley

Visit Randy Strong—artist, designer and master craftsman—in his Berkeley, California, studio. Strong has created elegant and highly sought-after works in glass for over 25 years by combining centuries old traditions of glass-working techniques with modern technologies. His work has been collected and displayed throughout the world including the Louvre, the San Francisco Museum of Art and the John D. Rockefeller Collection.

Note: Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.



Victorian Homes

Meticulously maintained and beautifully refurbished, our private Victorian Homes provide a glimpse into the City's unique and colorful past. A knowledgeable guide explains the various types

of structures built in San Francisco and provides background information on the many different areas and neighborhoods of this beautiful city.

Things To Do On Your Own in San Francisco

Information provided by San Francisco Convention & Visitors Bureau

1. Golden Gate Park

Golden Gate Park is an oasis for outdoor enthusiasts. Its 1,017 acres encompass free-to-the-public meadows, lakes, rose gardens, an arboretum, a rhododendron dell, an open-air music concourse, a children's playground, a buffalo paddock and the tallest artificial waterfall in the West. Call ahead for tour times and departure points, (415) 263-0991.

2. San Francisco Bay

The beautiful Golden Gate Bridge crosses the 2-mile mouth of the bay. Completed in 1937, the bridge remains the symbol of the city despite competition from modern constructions. At the time of its completion, it was the longest suspension bridge in the world, and the 746 ft. suspension towers were higher than any structure west of New York City. The Bay Bridge, connecting San Francisco and Oakland, is five times as long as the Golden Gate Bridge, carries far more traffic and predates it by six months, but it's never had the same iconic fame.

3. Museums

The one-of-a-kind San Francisco Cable Car Museum deserves special attention. In the historic Cable Car Barn & Powerhouse, visitors can view the actual cable winding machinery as it reels 11 miles of steel at a steady pace of nine-and-a-half miles per hour.

- The Cartoon Art Museum, the only one of its kind on the West Coast, displays rotating exhibitions of art from comic books, animated movies, magazines, advertisements and newspapers, as well as sculpture and video, with works dating from the 1730s to the present.
- The San Francisco National Historical Park Maritime Museum has a collection of ship models and relics that will inspire sailors and landlubbers alike. *Always free.*
- The Wells Fargo History Museum takes visitors back to the Gold Rush era with its displays of gold nuggets and a stagecoach that visitors can hop aboard. *Always free.*
- The San Francisco Fire Department Museum displays a collection of equipment, photographs and memorabilia from The City's fire department. *Always free.*

4. The Presidio

The Presidio of San Francisco, one of America's newest national parks, was once the most important military post on the West Coast. The Presidio's 1,480 acres of prime real estate next to the Golden Gate Bridge and the Bay have some of the best views in town. Rangers lead free tours at Fort Point, a four-tiered brick and granite fortress built between 1853 and 1861, tucked under the south end of the Golden Gate Bridge. For more information call (415) 561-4323.

5. Around Town

Downtown

San Francisco's densely populated downtown is squeezed into the hilly northeastern corner of the peninsula. Union Square a mishmash of glitzy shops, hotels and flower vendors is San Francisco's downtown tourist center. Cable cars rumble down the west side of the square.

Chinatown

A few blocks north of Union Square is Chinatown, the most densely packed pocket of the city and one of its most colorful. The curio shops along Grant Avenue are monuments to the role tourism plays in the neighborhood. It's a great place for casual wandering.

Fisherman's Wharf

The popular Fisherman's Wharf is directly north of Russian Hill. Packed with shopping centers, museums and hotels, it's also the gateway for several top attractions. Pier 39 is the area's focal point, which has become as popular with a colony of sea lions as it is with tourists.

North Beach

Sandwiched between Chinatown and Fisherman's Wharf is North Beach. It's a lively stretch of bars, cafes and restaurants that started as the city's Italian quarter and was the birthplace of the 1950's Beat generation. The neighborhood is hemmed in on the east by Telegraph Hill, which features tree-shaded stairways that ramble down the steep eastern face of the hill, and Coit Tower. The 360-degree views from here are superb.

6. Beaches

Visitors expecting bikinis and sun tan oil will rarely find them at Northern California beaches. The weather and water here are

Other Information

much cooler than in Southern California. They are, nevertheless, blessed with San Francisco's views and the Pacific's rolling waves. Tucked away behind the million-dollar homes of the Seacliff district is China Beach, one of San Francisco's few beaches safe for swimming. Lifeguards are on duty during the summer.

7. The Zoo

The San Francisco Zoo is home to more than 800 animals and birds, including a rare white tiger and a black rhinoceros. The Primate Discovery Center, one of the zoo's highlights, uses computers and interactive exhibits to teach about the various monkeys and apes. The Children's Zoo gives young folks the thrill of feeding and petting their favorite barnyard animals.

8. Guided City Walking Tours

Locals know the best way to discover the heart of San Francisco is to take a stroll through her unique neighborhoods. While self-guided walking tours are easy (information is available at the Activities Desk), ambling with the experts can be even more fun. San Francisco's historical and architectural highlights, tall tales, and gold rush lore unfold at your feet thanks to narrated City Guide Walking Tours, presented free by the San Francisco Friends of the Library. Most walks take one to two hours and reservations are not needed, except for groups. *Call City Guides at (415) 557-4266.*

9. 49-Mile Scenic Drive

The famous 49-Mile Scenic Drive through San Francisco is dotted with 49 renowned places, such as Chinatown, the Cable Car Barn, Aquatic Park, Fisherman's Wharf and the Maritime Museum. For a break from the road, savor a picnic lunch at Marina Green and watch the weekend yacht races, windsurfers and sailboaters.

10. Playgrounds

Even on vacation, kids sometimes just want to play. So why not take a play break in one of San Francisco's playgrounds? Golden Gate Park's Children's Playground offers a diverse collection of climbing equipment, slides, swings and sandboxes. There is a small fee to ride on the restored Herschel-Spillman Carousel with its 62 beautifully painted animals. Other playgrounds in the City's colorful neighborhoods include the Chinese Recreation Center, North Beach Playground and Nob Hill's Huntington Park.



© S.F. Giants

Q: How can we get tickets for the San Francisco Giants?

A: Individual game tickets are available on the Giants web site at www.sfgiants.com or by calling Tickets.com charge-by-phone at (510) 762-BALL.

Led by new manager Felipe Alou and slugger Barry Bonds, the defending National League champion San Francisco Giants embark on another Major League Baseball season at beautiful Pacific Bell Park. Most night games begin at 7:15 pm, and most afternoon games at 1:05 pm.

July 17-20

Colorado Rockies

July 21-24

Arizona Diamondbacks

July 25-27

San Diego Padres

Utah Promotional Breakfast

Friday, July 25 2003

8:00am - 9:30am

Join the Utah Legislature as it unfolds plans for introducing you to Salt Lake City...and the spectacular state of UTAH!

Come and see what Utah has to offer when the NCSL 2004 Annual Meeting convenes in Salt Lake City next July.



Contributors. Thank you!

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